

***GRAPHIC MEDICINE &
HOSPITAL LIBRARIES:
COMIC BOOKS AS A NEW
PERSPECTIVE ON
HEALTHCARE COLLECTIONS***

HELLO!

I'm Rachel Sandieson



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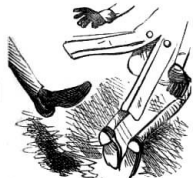
***A BRIEF HISTORY OF
COMIC BOOKS***



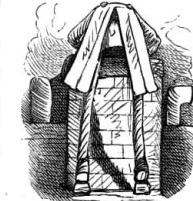
With a certain sense of the fitness of things which is peculiarly his own, he began at the keyhole ;



Only the door gave way a little too suddenly.



Subsequently he returned with precipitation to the street.



Later on he continued his investigations from a loftier altitude,

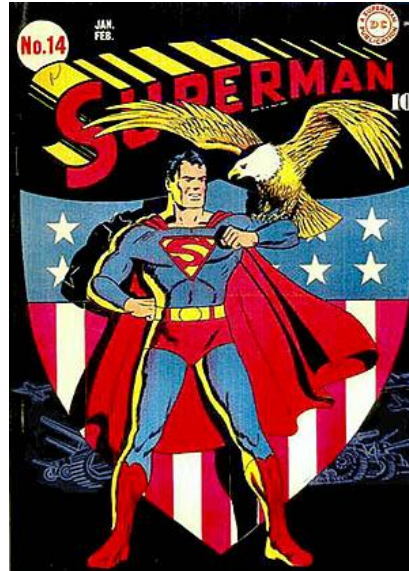


And would have been eminently successful, had not the fire been lighted below.



When last heard of, he was still pursuing his inquiries.

1860s:
Mass-produced
comics



1930s-50s
Golden Age



1960s-70s
Silver Age



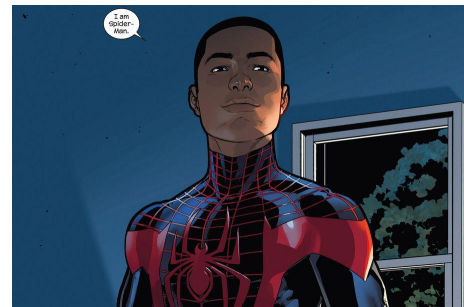
1970s-80s
Bronze Age



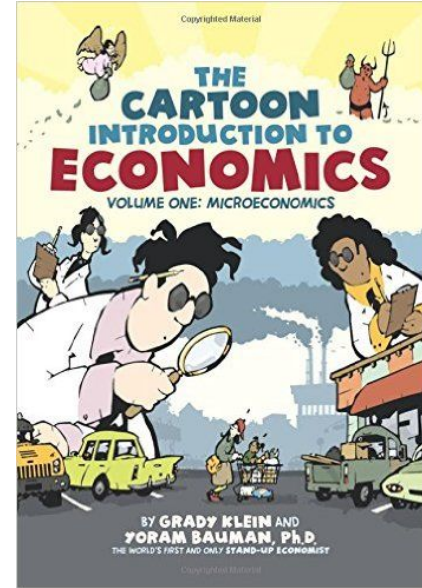
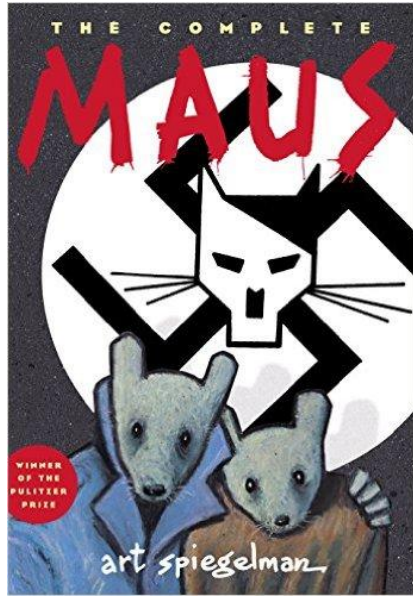
1980s-
Modern Age



Present Day




NON-FICTION GRAPHIC NOVELS



Chapter 2:

***WHAT IS GRAPHIC
MEDICINE & HOW IS IT
USED IN HEALTH CARE?***

A review of the literature



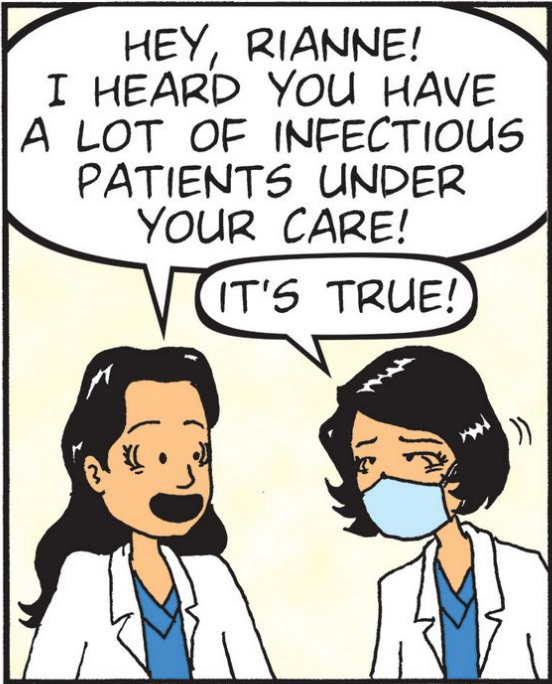
**"THE ROLE THAT COMICS CAN
PLAY IN THE STUDY AND
DELIVERY OF HEALTHCARE"**

**-DR. IAN WILLIAMS
GRAPHICMEDICINE.ORG**

SOME EXAMPLES

CALLOUS

CARLO JOSE SAN JUAN, MD



I'm no stranger to diets and health plans. I've tried a handful with varied success, but thanks to a history of disordered eating and serious food anxiety, it doesn't take much for any semblance of progress to come to a crashing halt that puts me a step or two behind where I started.



SEVEN DAYS OF BRAIN-MELTING FEVER,
BLOODY WATER-SHITS, UNCONTROLLABLE
SHIVERS, A FEELING LIKE A CLAW WAS
SCOOPING OUT MY GUTS. EVERY
CELL ACHED.



FOR HEALTHCARE PROFESSIONALS

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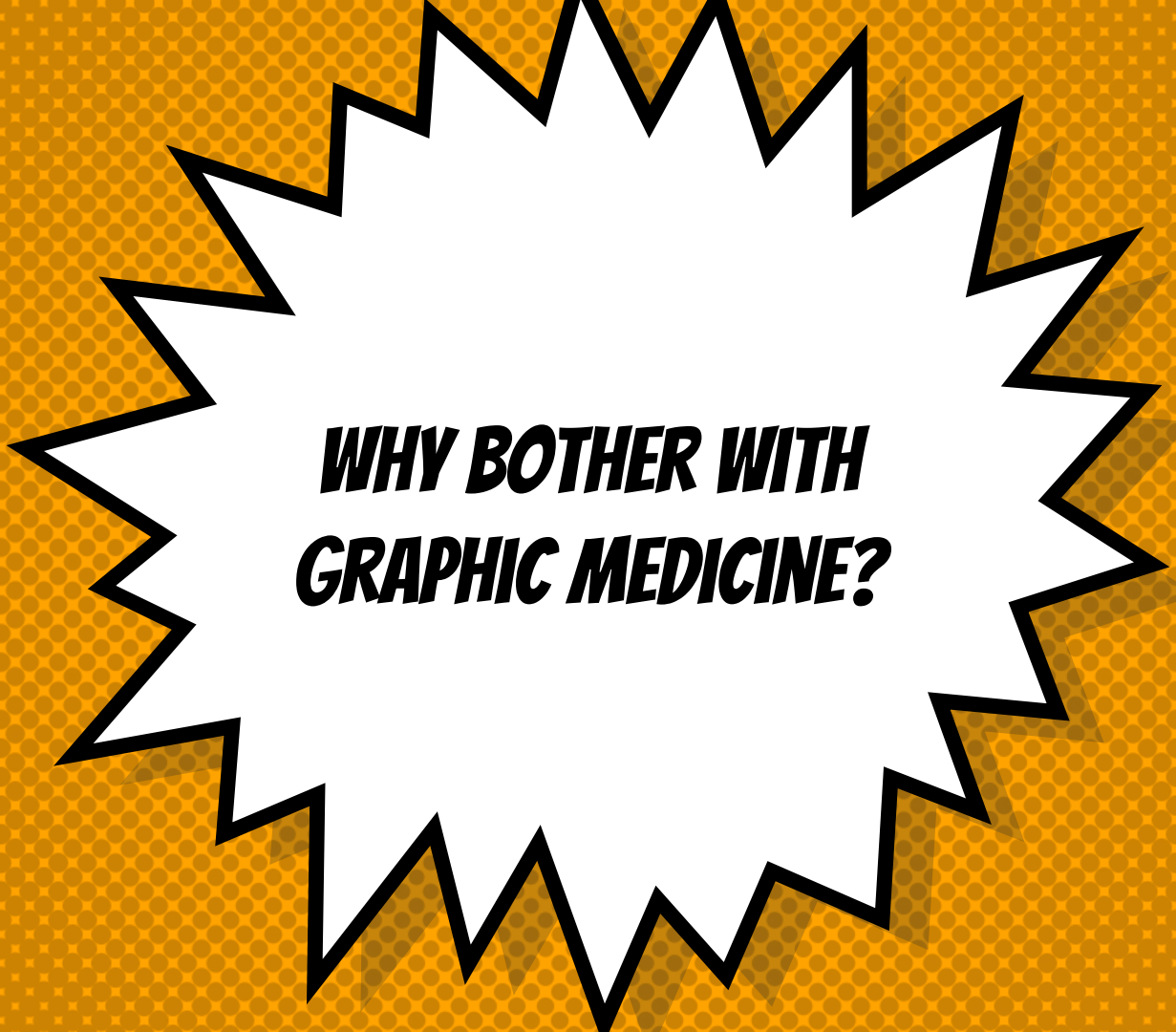
THE #SYGTSYSTEM CAMPAIGN WAS A GROUP EFFORT FROM A COALITION OF ORGANIZATIONS WITH THE COMMON GOAL OF INTRODUCING INFORMED CONSENT, A MODEL USED IN COUNTRIES SUCH AS ARGENTINA AND NEPAL.



THEY REJECTED ANY COOPERATION WITH SEXOLOGISK KLINIK, AND DEMANDED A COMPLETE REMOVAL OF THE TREATMENT FROM THE PSYCHIATRIC BRANCH OF THE HEALTHCARE SYSTEM

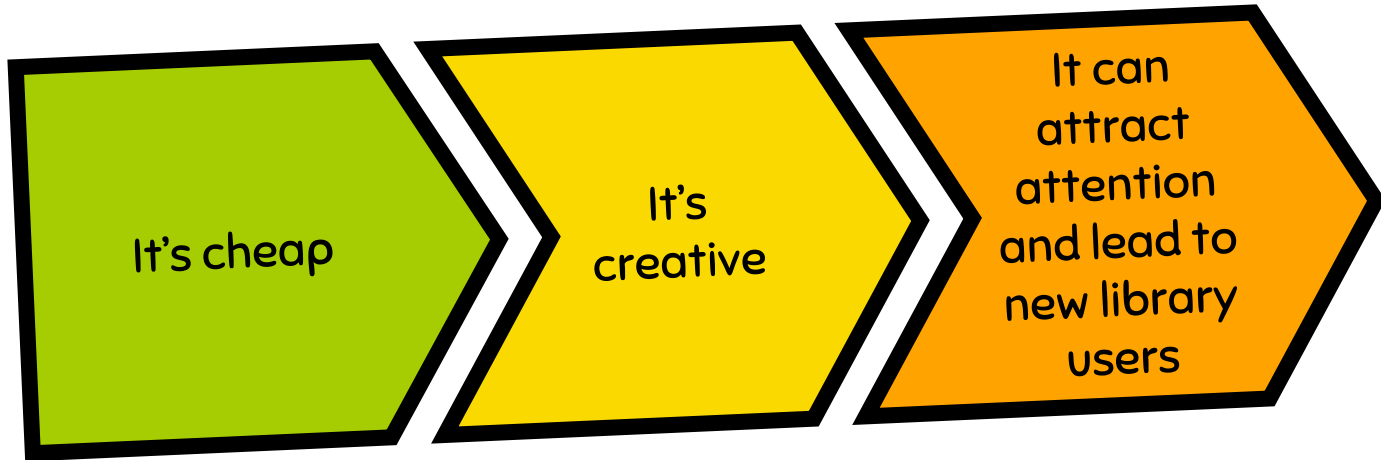
Chapter 3:

***GRAPHIC MEDICINE
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***WHY BOTHER WITH
GRAPHIC MEDICINE?***

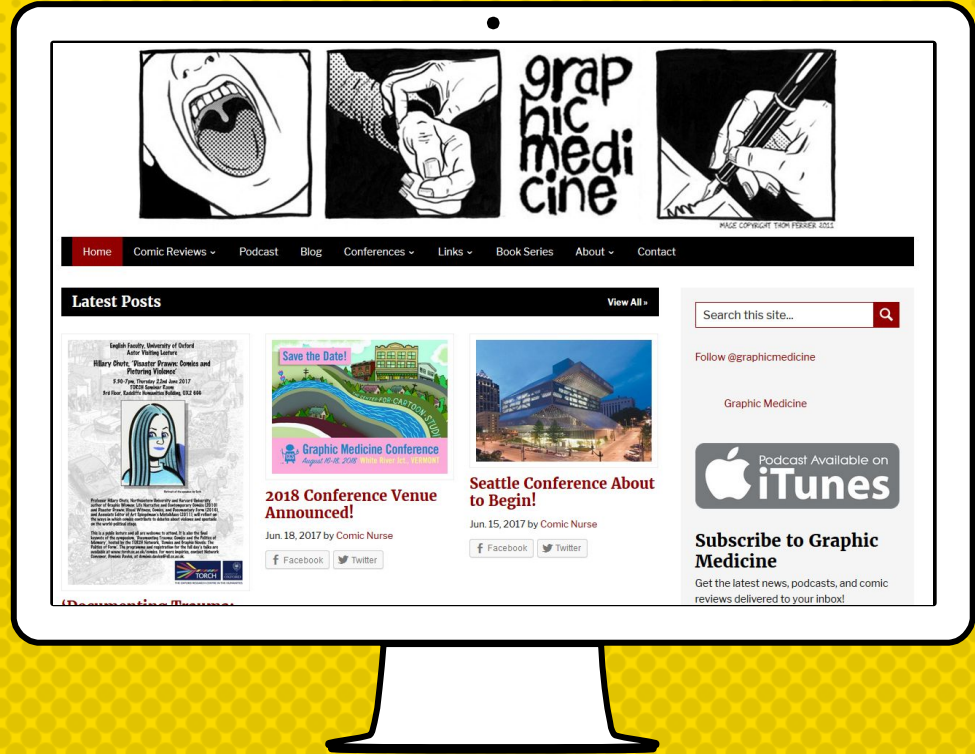
WHY NOT???



WHERE TO START?

There isn't a
Doody's Core Titles
list for graphic
novels, but there is

<http://www.graphicmedicine.org/>



WHERE TO PURCHASE?

- × Amazon.ca
- × Most titles between \$10–\$50
- × Web comics may be free!



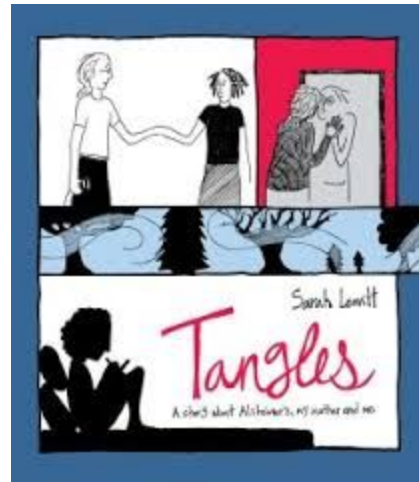


SELECTED TITLES

TANGLES: A STORY ABOUT ALZHEIMER'S, MY MOTHER, AND ME

In this powerful memoir the the *LA Times* calls “moving, rigorous, and heartbreaking,” Sarah Leavitt reveals how Alzheimer’s disease transformed her mother, Midge, and her family forever. In spare black-and-white drawings and clear, candid prose, Sarah shares her family’s journey through a harrowing range of emotions—shock, denial, hope, anger, frustration—all the while learning to cope, and managing to find moments of happiness. Midge, a Harvard educated intellectual, struggles to comprehend the simplest words; Sarah’s father, Rob, slowly adapts to his new role as full-time caretaker, but still finds time for wordplay and poetry with his wife; Sarah and her sister Hannah argue, laugh, and grieve together as they join forces to help Midge. *Tangles* confronts the complexity of Alzheimer’s disease, and ultimately releases a knot of memories and dreams to reveal a bond between a mother and a daughter that will never come apart.

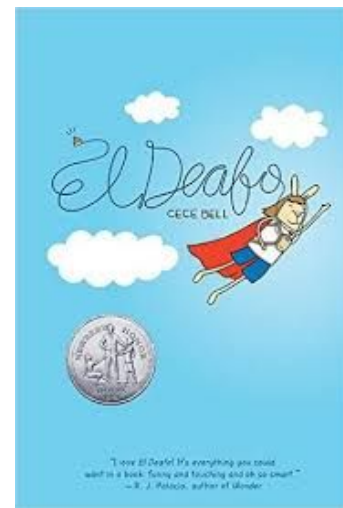
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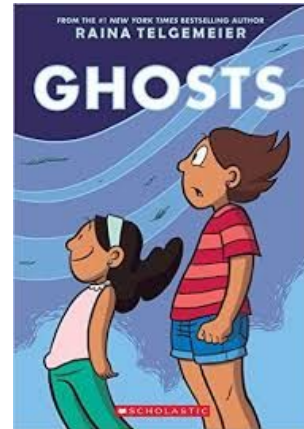
A 2015 Newbery Honor Book Going to school and making new friends can be tough. But going to school and making new friends while wearing a bulky hearing aid strapped to your chest? That requires superpowers! In this funny, poignant graphic novel memoir, author/illustrator Cece Bell chronicles her hearing loss at a young age and her subsequent experiences with the Phonic Ear, a very powerful—and very awkward—hearing aid.

The Phonic Ear gives Cece the ability to hear—sometimes things she shouldn't—but also isolates her from her classmates. She really just wants to fit in and find a true friend, someone who appreciates her as she is. After some trouble, she is finally able to harness the power of the Phonic Ear and become “El Deafo, Listener for All.” And more importantly, declare a place for herself in the world and find the friend she’s longed for.



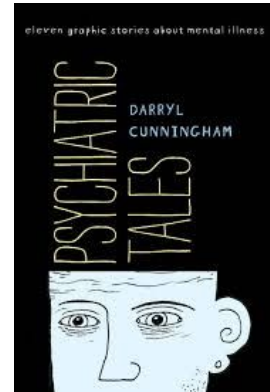
GHOSTS

Catrina and her family are moving to the coast of Northern California because her little sister, Maya, is sick. Cat isn't happy about leaving her friends for Bahía de la Luna, but Maya has cystic fibrosis and will benefit from the cool, salty air that blows in from the sea. As the girls explore their new home, a neighbor lets them in on a secret: There are ghosts in Bahía de la Luna. Maya is determined to meet one, but Cat wants nothing to do with them. As the time of year when ghosts reunite with their loved ones approaches, Cat must figure out how to put aside her fears for her sister's sake -- and her own.



PSYCHIATRIC TALES: ELEVEN GRAPHIC STORIES ABOUT MENTAL ILLNESS

Psychiatric Tales draws on Darryl Cunningham's time working in a psychiatric ward to give a reasoned and sympathetic look into the world of mental illness. In each chapter, Cunningham explores a different mental health problem, using evocative imagery to describe the experience of mental illness, both from the point of view of those beset by illness and their friends and relatives. As Cunningham reveals this human experience, he also shows how society's perceptions of and reactions to mental illness perpetuate needless stigma, for example, the myth that schizophrenic people are more likely to commit crimes than non-schizophrenic people. *Psychiatric Tales* is a groundbreaking graphic work; it deftly demythologizes and destigmatizes the disorders that 26.2 percent of American adults live with every day.



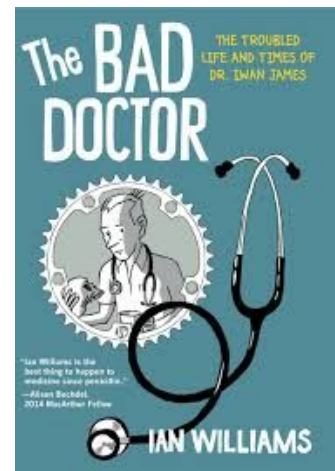
THE HOSPITAL SUITE

The Hospital Suite is a landmark work by the celebrated cartoonist and small-press legend John Porcellino—an autobiographical collection detailing his struggles with illness in the 1990s and early 2000s. In 1997, John began to have severe stomach pain. He soon found out he needed emergency surgery to remove a benign tumor from his small intestine. In the wake of the surgery, he had numerous health complications that led to a flare-up of his preexisting tendencies toward anxiety and obsessive-compulsive disorder. *The Hospital Suite* is Porcellino's response to these experiences—simply told stories drawn in the honest, heart-wrenching style of his much-loved *King-Cat* mini-comics. His gift for spare yet eloquent candor makes *The Hospital Suite* an intimate portrayal of one person's experiences that is also intensely relatable.



THE BAD DOCTOR

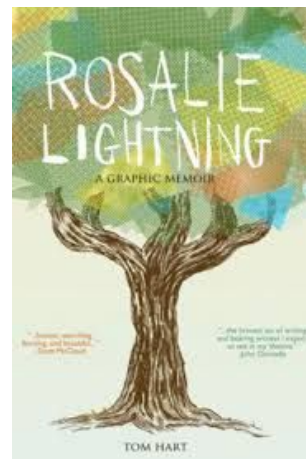
Meet Dr. Iwan James: cyclist, doctor, would-be lover, former heavy metal fan, and, above all, human being. Weighed down by his responsibilities—from diagnosing personality disorders to deciding who can hold a gun license—he doubts his ability to make decisions about the lives of others when he may need more than a little help himself. Cartoonist and doctor Ian Williams introduces us to Iwan's troubled life as all humanity, it seems, passes through his surgery doors.



ROSALIE LIGHTNING

A Goodreads Choice Award Semi-Finalist, Amazon Best Book of 2016, one of The Washington Post's Best Graphic Novels of 2016, and one of Publishers Weekly's 100 Best Books of 2016, ROSALIE LIGHTNING is Eisner-nominated cartoonist Tom Hart's #1 New York Times bestselling touching and beautiful graphic memoir about the untimely death of his young daughter, Rosalie. His heart-breaking and emotional illustrations strike readers to the core, and take them along his family's journey through loss. Hart uses the graphic form to articulate his and his wife's on-going search for meaning in the aftermath of Rosalie's death, exploring themes of grief, hopelessness, rebirth, and eventually finding hope again.

Hart creatively portrays the solace he discovers in nature, philosophy, great works of literature, and art across all mediums in this expressively honest and loving tribute to his baby girl. Rosalie Lightning is a graphic masterpiece chronicling a father's undying love.





***YOU'VE GOT THE BOOKS,
NOW WHAT?***

IDEAS FOR PROMOTION

Within the library

- × **Signage** (you can use this Powerpoint presentation, available from www.slidescarnival.com)
- × **Displays**
- × **LCD Screens**
- × **Events**

In the Hospital

- × **E-casts / messaging**
- × **Reach out to users you know who may be interested**
- × **Signage (where appropriate)**
- × **Brochures**

Virtually

- × **LibGuides**
- × **E-mail messaging**
- × **E-mail signature**



Include the Evidence!



Graphic Medicine

The intersection between
comics and health care

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available at the
Health Sciences Library



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Graphic Medicine is the intersection between comics and health care. Look for these titles coming to HSL bookshelves in the near future!



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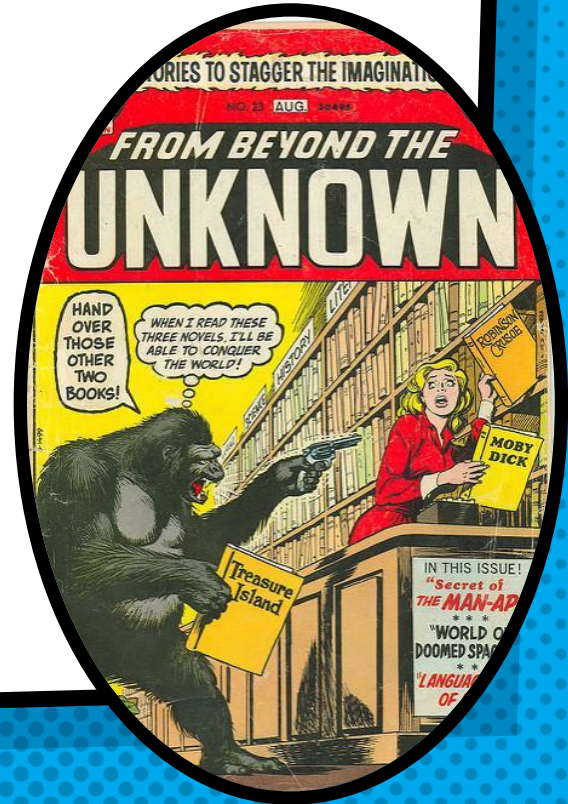
Your Department:

Your Role:

**Your Thoughts on this
Graphic Novel:**

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THINK OUTSIDE THE BOX!
READ COMICS!***



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